

Consolidated Plan

Annual Update Substantial Amendment CDBG Reallocation FY 2016 Lake County, Ohio

Lake County Planning & Community Development 125 E. Erie Street Painesville OH 44077

Submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Lake County, Ohio SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE PROGRAM YEAR 2016 ACTION PLAN Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

I. Summary

- Jurisdiction: Lake County, Ohio
- Grant Number Associated with Amendment: B-16-UC-39-0007 (CDBG)
- Contact Person for Amendment: David Radachy, Director, Lake County Planning and Community Development; 125 E. Erie Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077; Phone (440) 350-2740; Email david.radachy@lakecountyohio.gov
- The Amendment is Submitted by: The Board of Lake County Commissioners, Jerry Cirino, President of the Board; 105 Main Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

Lake County Planning and Community Development administers Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds received on an annual basis from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds are made available to carry out a variety of housing, community, and economic development activities based on an Annual Action Plan approved by the Lake County Commissioners. Prior to 2015, HUD accounting was "first in, first out" meaning that projects were funded from the oldest funds available in the US Treasury and not necessarily current year funds. Many past year projects did not require all of the funding available, and in addition, the County has often received more Program Income than anticipated, typically in the form of loan repayments. Over time, unspent funds have accumulated, resulting in CDBG funds currently available for reprogramming.

The Planning and Community Development office is asking the Lake County Board of Commissioners approval to allocate \$285,100 of available funds for the purpose of funding three new grant activities. These activities are described within Section III of this document.

II. Process Review

The funds received annually from HUD are subject to the HUD Consolidated Plan regulations found at 24 CFR Part 91, which requires the County to prepare a five-year Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports. The regulations require Citizen Participation as part of the development and approval of these documents.

Citizen Participation is governed by the Citizen Participation Plan, which is reflective of the Part 91 regulations. The County last adopted a Citizen Participation Plan in August 2016.

According to the County's current adopted Citizen Participation Plan, changes to the Action Plan are considered "Substantial Amendments" when any of the following occurs (Section F):

• addition of new resources or the use of greater than 20% of the annual allocation of either CDBG or HOME Program,

• or a significant change (50%) in the scope, outcome or number of beneficiaries of an approved project level for which funds have already been approved by HUD.

Any qualifying proposed substantial amendments will be publicized through a public notice in the local newspaper. After approval by the Commissioners, a period of thirty days will be provided to receive public comments on any qualifying proposed substantial amendments before the amendment is sent to HUD for review and approval. HUD approval is required before an amendment can be implemented. The County will consider any comments submitted orally, in writing or in electronic form in preparing the substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan. Any comments or view of citizens received in writing or orally shall be considered. A summary of the comment or view will be attached to the substantial amendment upon submission to HUD.

III. Proposed Consolidated Plan/2016 Action Plan Amendment

• This Amendment allocates \$200,000 of available funds to the construction of a playground at the Miracle League Park in Eastlake, Ohio. The playground will have a universally accessible design, and will be primarily utilized by those participating in the Miracle League.

The Miracle League removes the barriers that keep children and adults with mental and physical disabilities off the baseball fields. Since the main barriers arise from the natural grass fields used in conventional leagues, Miracle League teams play on a custom-designed, rubberized turf field that accommodates wheel chairs and other assertive devices while helping to prevent injuries.

The proposed playground will be constructed adjacent to the site of the Miracle League field. The Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood estimates that there are 2,000 people with disabilities in the County that will benefit from the project.

- This Amendment allocates \$65,100 of available funds to improvements at City Hall Park in the City of Mentor-On-The-Lake. This neighborhood park is located within a low-income block group. Improvements include the installation of a walking path that will surround the park's existing features. An estimated 4,849 people will benefit from the project.
- This Amendment allocates \$20,000 of available funds for ADA improvements at the Lake County YMCA Madison location. Improvements include the installation of an ADA pool lift and the installation of interior ADA doors (ADA push-button controls and power doors). An estimated 2,166 people will benefit from the project.

These changes constitute a substantial amendment because the additional resources exceed 20% of the annual allocation and there is a significant change in the scope,

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outcome and/or number of beneficiaries of an approved project level for which funds have already been approved.

Public facilities improvements are identified in the existing approved Consolidated Plan (2012 – 2016) as a priority need (SP-25), "Provide improvements to local facilities which benefit the general public. These include projects which bring facilities and infrastructure into compliance with ADA regulations." Additionally, public improvements are an identified category under the "Goals" section of the Consolidated Plan (SP-45), "Promote a suitable living environment by allocating CDBG resources to support infrastructure and public facility improvement activities..."

IV. Citizen Participation

In accordance with Lake County's Citizen Participation Plan, a public notice was published in the News-Herald newspaper on Thursday, March 30, 2017 notifying the public of this Substantial Amendment and of the opportunity to submit written comments to the Lake County Planning and Community Development office (LC P&CD) or to provide oral comments during the Public Hearing on Monday, April 17, 2017 at the Lake County Commissioner's Chambers.

A copy of the Public Notice is included as Attachment A. Proof of Publication of the Public Notice will be included as Attachment B to this Substantial Amendment document in the final transmittal to HUD.

The Public Notice and Substantial Amendment Document were also posted online at http://www.lakecountyohio.gov/planningcommissionnew/home.aspx and made available at the following locations:

- Lake County Planning and Community Development office, 125 E. Erie Street, Painesville, OH
- Lake County Administrative Building, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH

Written comments received by LC P&CD and any oral testimony received during the Public Hearing will be summarized, included as Attachment C and submitted to HUD with the County's transmittal of the Substantial Amendment to the Action Plan.

V. List of Attachments

Attachment A:

Public Notice

Attachment B: Attachment C:

Proof of Publication of the Public Notice

Summary of Public Comments Received

ATTACHMENT A

LAKE COUNTY OHIO CDBG FEDERAL GRANTS PROGRAM COMBINED NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION TO BE TAKEN RESPECTING PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN/2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lake County Board of Commissioners announces the proposed substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan/2016 Annual Action Plan for the following Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) projects to be funded with available program income and prior year funds of the CDBG Program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

A. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program proposed use of funds by project & activity:

Public Facilities – Construction Funds \$285,100.00

Amount:

City of Eastlake, Playground Installation at Miracle League Park (\$200,000); City of Mentor-On-The-Lake, Walkway Installation at City Hall Park (\$65,100); YMCA, ADA Pool Lift and ADA Doors at the Madison location (\$20,000)

B. Public Hearing: Monday, April 17, 2017, 1:30 pm.

The Board of Lake County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 17, 2017 at 1:30 pm at the Lake County Administrative Building, 105 Main Street, 4th Floor, Painesville, Ohio 44077. The purpose of this public hearing will be to receive citizen comments prior to the submission of the Substantial Amendment to HUD. A copy of the draft Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan/2016 Annual Action Plan will be available for public review, during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday), from Thursday, March 30, 2017 to Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at the Lake County Planning and Community Development Department, located at 125 E. Erie Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077. The documents can also be viewed at the Lake County Administrative Building, Commissioners' Office, Floor, Painesville, Ohio 44077 online Main Street, http://www.lakecountyohio.gov/planningcommissionnew/home.aspx.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners will receive comments regarding the Substantial Amendment until 4:00 pm Tuesday, May 2, 2017. Written comments should be addressed to Mr. David Radachy, Director, Lake County Planning & Community Development Office, 125 E. Erie St., Painesville, Ohio 44077.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Jerry C. Cirino, President

Daniel P. Troy, Commissioner

John R. Hamercheck, Commissioner

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ATTACHMENT B

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ATTACHMENT C